

FRENCH DRIVE BACK GERMANS

Loss Inflicted On Teutons Is Described As Being "Cruel."

BRITISH ARDENTLY HOPE GERMANS WILL ATTACK

Attempts of Enemy to Get at Amiens Railway Centre Are Frustrated.

PARIS, April 5.—The German attack on French positions southeast of Amiens with one hundred eighty thousand men, half of them fresh, was wholly frustrated, an official report says. The assaults had, as their objectives, the capture of important railway points. The enemy's casualties were "cruel," said the communiqué. The French drove the Germans back near Maruail, recapturing several important positions. The French advanced west of Castle, and drove the wood, and extending their positions, attacking, the French occupied St. Aignan, capturing most of Ekinette northward from Montreaux.

"Thursday night, the Germans attacked with fifteen divisions, seven of them fresh, and failed to reach their objective, which, according to captured German soldiers, was the Amiens-Clermont railway. We maintained our line wholly. The casualties of the enemy are cruel."

GERMAN ATTACK DESIRED

(By William Philip Simms.)
WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES, April 5.—Big guns are shelling the Germans who are massing on the road southwest of Albert, paralleling the Albert-Amiens railway. It is not certain the Germans will attack, but such an attack is ardently desired by the British.

GAINS NOT WORTH THE COST

NEW YORK, April 5.—Von Hindenburg's resumption of the slaughter of German troops is playing into the allies' hands. Every new assault will increase the German's reaction against the Hohenzollern blood lust if Foch retains Amiens. The small gains made by the Germans are not worth the casualties.

AUSTRIAN OFFENSIVE PENDING

AMSTERDAM, April 5.—An Austrian offensive against Italy is impending, declare Budapest newspapers on "authoritative sources."

HEAVY FIGHTING ON SOMME

LONDON, April 5.—The British forces were pressed back to positions east of Villers Bretonneux, eight miles east of Amiens, in heavy fighting yesterday afternoon and evening, so Field Marshal Haig has reported.

Haig's official report says: "Between the Luce and Somme rivers there was heavy fighting. Strong enemy forces in repeated assaults were beaten off with losses. We were pressed back to a new position, which we are now maintaining. North of the Somme, near Baccuoi and in the Scarpe Valley, the enemy's artillery is active. Our artillery is engaged against hostile concentrations near Albert."

GERMAN TROOPS MASSING

AMSTERDAM, April 5.—The German-Dutch frontier will be closed for a week, the Handelsblad announces. Taken with the announced closing of the Swiss frontier this forecasts the heaviest of German troop movements.

FIRE IN KANSAS CITY BELIEVED INCENDIARY

KANSAS CITY, April 5.—It is wiped out the great food producing believed the two million dollar fire destroying the Kansas City wholesale district, was started by a German incendiary and was designed to

LARGE REWARD OFFERED.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, April 5.—Admiral Baccmann, governor of Kiel, has offered twenty thousand marks reward for the capture of the American and British agents who have entered Germany to instigate a strike.

TWO INFANTRYMEN HANGED.

HOUSTON, Texas, April 5.—John Mann and Walter Matthews, privates in the United States infantry, were hanged at Camp Logan. They were sentenced by court-martial on the charge of murder of Private Ralph Foley, a stockade guard. The President approved the finding.

INVESTIGATION ORDERED.

Telegraph Companies To Be Subject to Inquiry.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Investigation of forty-three telegraph companies, including the Postal Telegraph, is ordered by the Interstate Commerce commission. This will include a searching inquiry into every state. The Western Union is not mentioned specifically.

SPOKANE MAKES RAID.

Officials Determined "Wobblies" Be Wiped Out.

SPOKANE, April 5.—Eighty wobblies were arrested in a series of raids this morning. The officers are determined to wipe them out.

DUNKLEE TELEPHONES FOR OBSERVER.

G. E. Dunklee, manager of the Central Railroad of Oregon, telephoned his order in today for a year's subscription to the Observer, and this is what he said: "Somehow things have been out of joint here in my office for some time and I have located the trouble. It is because I am not receiving the Observer. Please re-instate me in the reading circle of the old home paper, which extends over the two counties, and don't forget that the old reliable Central railroad is doing business at the old stand and is getting the rolling stock ready to care for the big crowds which are sure to come to Union's annual Stock Show."

Relay Race to Loan Tent.

On Saturday afternoon the Y. M. C. A. intermediate "gym" class will stage a relay run from Island City to the Liberty Loan tent. The teams will start at the Island City flouring mill. The starters will be handed a package to be delivered to Mr. A. T. Hill in front of the tent by the one that will finish the race. The packages will be in duplicate and will contain a surprise to the Liberty Loan committee by Mrs. A. Hunter and Mrs. C. H. Bidwell. Mrs. Hunter will act as starter of the run. There will be twenty or more runners and they will represent the two divisions of this class that have been competing against each other nearly all winter.

Filmore Quinland Died at Anaconda

Word is received of the death of Filmore Quinland, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Quinland, at the St. Mary's Hospital in Anaconda, Montana. The immediate cause of death was pneumonia, which followed an operation at the hospital which the young man submitted to in order to qualify himself physically for admission in the army. He had sought enlistment, but was rejected on account of a minor physical defect, which he hoped to have removed and to all intents and purposes he belongs to the roll of patriots who have died for their country.

Two of his brothers, John and Lester, of La Grande, and a brother, Charles who lives in Anaconda, were with him at the time. Filmore Quinland was born in New Mexico, August 4, 1891. He leaves a father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. James Quinland, who live on the Island City road; a brother James, of Bremerton, Wash.; Charles, of Anaconda; and John and Lester, of La Grande.

The remains, accompanied by his brother, will arrive in La Grande this evening, and they will lie in state at the Henry Chapel until Sunday noon. The funeral will be held from the chapel at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, and the interment will be in the Masonic cemetery.

GERMAN AGENTS INTERRED.
NEW YORK, April 5.—Twenty-one German secret agents left today under military guard for the internment camp at Fort Oglethorpe.

TO AUTO OWNERS

It is expected that the auto division will be an important part of the parade tomorrow evening. All owners of autos are requested to report to C. D. Emahiser, who is to have charge of this division. It is desired that participants be on the ground at 7:15 as the parade will start at 7:30. This is by order of H. E. Coolidge, officer in charge.

RAILROAD ORGANIZED.

A telegram from J. P. O'Brien to William Bollons, late this afternoon says: "Please advise the La Grande Evening Observer that all lines of our company have been organized for a thorough campaign among the officers and employees for the subscription to the Third Liberty Loan in accordance with plans laid down by the director general of railroads."

SIDELIGHTS ON LOAN DRIVE.

Buy a Bond.
Be a volunteer and buy the first day.
The Liberty Loan tent will be the Wall Street of La Grande for several weeks.
Information on the Liberty Loan can be furnished by calling at the Y. M. C. A.
A. T. Hill, general chairman, and G. L. Larson, chairman of the "Hinky Dink" and "Bathhouse John" of Union county. They are real bosses; their organization is nearly perfect and it matters not the amount a million dollars is a mere trifle in their estimation. They say that it is organization that counts.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

H. E. Roscamp is here from Portland and will remain a short time attending to construction work which he had already contracted to do in La Grande. He says the shipyard game is getting down to business and it is now not so easy for the untried and unskilful man to secure a position at high salary. The management is now demanding that men who are put to work know something about handling tools and doing the work.

R. E. Gurley, head of one of the large concrete construction companies operating in the Northwest, was in La Grande last evening and left today for Portland. He was quartered at the Foley.

The members of La Grande Review No. 27 Loyal Macabees yesterday presented Mrs. Nellie Spencer with a beautiful fountain pen as a reward for her faithful service as record keeper.

Registration Moves Slowly

County Clerk McCormick reports that there has been practically no applications for registrations thus far. It is a certainty that there are voters who will need to look after this matter if they wish to be at the polls in the forthcoming primary election. While registrations are supposed to be permanent when once made there is the provision for revising the rolls for those who have become of voting age since the last registration; for those who are registered but have changed their place of residence; and for those whose names have been changed on account of marriage.

The books are to be kept open for this class of registrants until April 18. After that date those who are not properly registered will be afoot and alone when it comes to voting.

MONEY TO HOSPITAL UNIT

Elks Dance Monday Night Will Be a Benefit Ball.

The regular Elks dance Monday evening will break an Elk precedent, and instead of confining it to Elksdom and Elksdom's treasury the funds will be Unit fund. This arrangement was turned into the La Grande Hospital made last evening and the sale of tickets to Elks and their families is now progressing with Miss Etta Foley in charge. The dance is to be a fine social event and it is believed the attendance will be very large.

PRO-GERMAN HANGED BY A MOB IN ILLINOIS

Prominent Men Involved, But Officials Unable to Identify the Participants.

COLLINSVILLE, Ill., April 5.—No arrests have been made following mob lynching of Robert Prager, a German, for anti-Wilson remarks. Prominent citizens are involved. The police chief declared the mobbers are unknown. Suspected pro-Germans are leaving rapidly.

Prager was hanged to a tree a mile south of the city limits by a mob of 350 persons who dragged him from the basement of the city jail where he had been hiding. He

Second Draft Will Be For 800,000

First Call to Be For 150,000 Men to Begin Moving the Last of This Month.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—President Wilson is preparing to launch the second great draft of America's fighters. It is expected a proclamation will be issued this week notifying eight hundred thousand draftees to prepare for service.

UNIFORMS ARE HERE.

Home Guards Supplied With Regulation Apparel.

The uniforms for the Home Guard battalion arrived this morning and Quartermaster Skiff has been issuing them to the men today. The quarters are to be opened tonight at 6 o'clock that the uniforms can be issued as far as possible for the drill hour at 7 o'clock, when the battalion will have a special drill. The "Melody Land" attraction will not begin until 8:15 so there will be ample time for the members to attend.

Weather Forecast.

PORTLAND, April 5.—Fair.

PROGRAM FOR BIG PARADE

Following is the outline for the patriotic parade tomorrow evening:

1st Division—Home Guard Band, La Grande Home Guard and H. S. Cadets, Honor Guard. H. E. Coolidge, chief of first division.

2d Division—G. A. R., W. R. C., Ladies of the Red Cross. Dr. M. K. Hall, chief of second division.

3d Division—Fraternal orders, Railroad Section, J. F. Corbett in charge. E. C. Hersinger, chief of third division.

4th Division—Citizens, automobiles. Emahiser, chief of fourth division.

The parade will move promptly at 7:30 p. m. from the intersection of Depot street and Washington avenue to which point all divisions will head.

The first division will form on Washington avenue on the north side of the street opposite Elks club and extending west.

The second division will form on the opposite side of Washington from the first division in front of the Elks club and extending west.

The third division will form on the west side of Depot street extending south on Depot and west on Fourth.

The fourth division will form on the south side of Washington avenue bounded on Depot and extending east.

The line of march will be as follows: From Depot street east on Washington to Greenwood, north on Greenwood to Adams, west on Adams to Fourth, and south on Fourth to the tabernacle.

HOME ECONOMIC MEETING

Miss Hailey, City librarian and Miss May Murphy, home economics demonstrator, held a meeting at Alice yesterday at noon, explaining the reason for a larger production of poultry. They explained the present situation of wheat, and urged the people to raise more poultry. Most of the people in Eastern localities are pledging themselves to do without wheat flour entirely for four months, so Miss Murphy urges all those who can raise a few chickens to pledge then selves to raise a few more this year than they did last. There was a good attendance at this meeting and it is to be hoped this will not be the last one of its kind.

MELODY LAND TONIGHT.

Performance Will Begin At 8:15 at H. S. Auditorium.

Everything is in readiness for the great attraction, "Melody Land," which is to be presented by La Grande young ladies, and including the best musical talent of the city, at the High school auditorium this evening.

On account of various other activities incident to the Liberty day exercises the performance this evening will not begin until 8:15.

Eastern Star Visitors.

A number of members of Hope Chapter No. 13 O. E. S., motored to Union last evening and were guests of Grande Ronde Valley Chapter No. 49. The occasion was the official visit of Mrs. Lena C. Mendenhall, grand worthy matron of the order. Mesdames and Messrs. F. M. Jackson, Peter Biever, C. M. Humphrey, Ed Ebell, Oscar Berger, Mrs. Florence Bacon, Mrs. W. S. Parker, Mrs. C. T. Bacon, and Miss Lena Giffillan were those who enjoyed the hospitality of Union chapter.

A. B. Hall, a horse buyer of Wallowa, is in the city.

LIBERTY DAY TOMORROW IS PROCLAIMED

TOWNS REACHING QUOTA ARE TO FILE REPORTS AT HEADQUARTERS.

LA GRANDE PUBLIC CHAMPING THE BIT

All Arrangements Completed for the Parade and Demonstration in the Evening.

CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS IN CLOSING.
Certain exemptions have been made in the closing orders for Saturday evening. Theaters will remain dark until after the parade is over; barber shops and cigar stores will open as soon as the parade is over but will close during the parade. All other business houses will be closed all evening. The purpose of the request is to absolutely stop all business between 7 and 8. Merchandise grocery and meat stores have agreed to close for the evening. Order your goods early tomorrow.

LIBERTY LOAN COMMITTEE.

Governor's Proclamation.
Governor Withycombe has issued a proclamation to make tomorrow (Saturday) a "Liberty day to be made memorable as a Red Letter day for fervent patriotism, and I urge upon every citizen the imperative necessity of supporting wholeheartedly every demonstration celebrating the opening of the Third Liberty Loan campaign, which marks the first anniversary of our declaration of war against imperialism."

Competition for Honor Flag.
PORTLAND, April 5.—(Special to the Observer) Competition for the Liberty Loan honor flag will open at 8 o'clock Saturday morning. As soon as towns reach quota they will file telegrams to the Oregon headquarters. The ranking of towns will be based on the filing time. This arrangement removes the disadvantage of towns at a distance, from Portland.

On the eve of the opening of the Liberty Loan campaign in the United States, Union county chafes at the bit "to be gone." So incessantly has the demand been from outlying districts that it has been necessary to cut the period in which there will be no solicitation. One day, and one only, will the teams in La Grande hold back to allow volunteering without solicitation; Monday morning they start out and if any one has a desire to be a volunteer subscriber and not be solicited, he or she must act Saturday. After Monday morning volunteers will of course be accepted also—always and any time during the week. But the team workers may catch you before the day is over.

In the face of the short volunteer and no solicitation period, the committees have made arrangement to handle a rush at Liberty tent tomorrow morning until late at night.

The list of team captains and teams which will handle the work in La Grande and the immediate vicinity, under the direction of G. L. Larson, local chairman, and A. T. Hill, county chairman, are:

Men's Team.
G. L. Larson, general chairman.
No. 1—R. J. Green, captain; C. D. Emahiser, E. E. Bragg, Walter Parker and George H. Curry.
No. 2—J. J. Carr, Lynn Bohnenkamp, C. S. Dunn, Will Siegrist and Will J. Church.
No. 3—E. E. Kirtley, chairman; J. H. Pearce, Hugh Bodmer, Gus Levy and T. H. Crawford.
No. 4—W. R. Jones, chairman; A. W. Nelson, Fred B. Curry, Nolan Skiff, H. E. Colledge.
Island City Team—Albert Hunter, chairman; Chas. Playle, Fred Kiddle, James Dobbin, Merton Kiddle.

Women's Team.
Mrs. R. W. Loran, general chairman.
No. 1—Mrs. John Thiesen, chairman; Mrs. A. L. Richardson, Mrs. J. F. Phay, Mrs. H. Zurbrink.
No. 2—Mrs. H. S. Brownson, chairman; Mrs. J. K. Wright, Mrs. E. Polack, Mrs. A. C. Hampton.
No. 3—Mrs. A. R. Hunter.

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